

FW: Public Comment for RPC Meeting on 7/16/20

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Hi Fred-

With all the Outlook issues yesterday, this just arrived for today's meeting.

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Hello,

I'd like to submit this public comment for the Regional Planning Committee meeting tomorrow, for agenda item 6a:

Hi, I'm Shajuti Hossain from Public Advocates. I've been following the RHNA Housing Methodology Committee and have appreciated it's attention to equity throughout the process.

I want to comment on the regional need determination we received last month -- this new target gives the Bay Area a great opportunity to plan for new homes that are affordable to Black and brown working families. We should be making critical choices in our RHNA process that will help create housing all over our region, especially near strong public resources.

This is also the moment where we must stop furthering gentrification by: (1) keeping plans for luxury homes out of existing low-income neighborhoods, (2) listening to impacted residents and (3) investing in their needs. I look forward to keep engaging with ABAG on these two opportunities of creating new affordable housing and keeping our neighbors and families in place. Thank you.

Thanks!

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